

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **WELCOME** to all who are visiting with us today! We hope you will feel at home here and, if you do not already have a church home, will consider becoming a part of the Saint Herman Church community.
- ❖ **THE APOSTLES' FAST** will be tomorrow, Monday June 16 through Sunday June 29. It ends Sunday morning, June 29, following divine liturgy.
- ❖ \*\*\***MONDAY JUNE 23 – 6:30pm – VESPERAL LITURGY** for Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist\*\*\*
- ❖ **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD SATURDAY JULY 5** after Vespers by Fr. Thomas Frizelle.
- ❖ **JUNE LITURGICAL CALENDARS** are available in the narthex and online at [www.sainthermanwasilla.org](http://www.sainthermanwasilla.org).
- ❖ **THE CHURCH BOOKSTORE** is now housed in Fr. Matthew's office, and will be open Sundays briefly during coffee hour or other times by request.
- ❖ **FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE** donations totaled \$141 this year during Lent. May God bless the generosity of those who contributed.

# SAINT HERMAN

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America  
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SUNDAY OF ALL  
SAINTS

*June 15, 2014*

### A NOTE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome! In the Orthodox Church, reception of the Holy Eucharist is reserved for baptized, chrismated Orthodox Christians who have *prepared by prayer, fasting and a recent confession*. If you are visiting or otherwise not prepared to commune today, you are welcome to receive some of the unconsecrated, blessed bread which the acolytes are holding. We pray for all to be united in the Body and Blood of Christ! If you would like to learn how you can enter into communion with the Orthodox Church, please speak with our clergy.

## THE EPISTLE

*God is wonderful among His saints. Bless God in the congregations.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)**

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)**

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

## SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Commemoration of All Saints; Prophet Amos; Apostles Achaikos, Stephen and Fortunatos of the Seventy; Venerable Jerome of Bethlehem and Augustine, bishop of Hippo; Jonah, metropolitan of Moscow; Martyr Lazarus, Serbian prince

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

*June 15 – June 23*

Wed. 6:30pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. 6:30pm: Great Vespers followed by confessions heard

Sun. 9:00am: Matins followed at 10:00am by Divine Liturgy

## A GOOD WORD

### *VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL*

- ❖ "People were not created merely to live here on earth like animals that disappear after their death, but to live with God and in God, and to live not for a hundred or a thousand years, but to live eternally." -- Bishop INNOCENT, Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurilian and Aleutian Islands
- ❖ "Christ is our hope, our cleansing and sanctification, our resurrection, life, and repose. He alone is what we all need, and therefore, the Church constantly pronounces these words aloud so that we may hear them during the Holy Services of the Church, and be constantly renewed." -- St. John of Kronstadt
- ❖ "The unholy doubt, not because they are ostensibly more rational, but because they are unholy. The holier man is always the more rational, for in the clear mirror of his heart he sees the truth." -- St. Nicholai of Zica
- ❖ "To believe in Christ, either child-like simplicity is needed or to be a fool in the eyes of the world." -- Father Sophrony
- ❖ "God listens, not to our voice, but to our heart." -- St. Cyprian of Carthage
- ❖ "When a blind man gradually recovers his sight and notices the appearance of a man and bit by bit ascertains what he is (cf. Mk. 8:24-25), it is not the features that undergo transformation or take a new shape. Rather, as the vision of that man's eyes becomes clearer, he sees his features. It is as though they wholly imprint themselves on his vision and penetrate through it, impressing and engraving themselves, as on a tablet, on the mind and memory of the soul. Even so You Yourself, O Lord, became visible to me when You, by the clear light of the Holy Spirit, had entirely cleansed my mind." -- St. Symeon the New Theologian
- ❖ "Meet it is to worship the Father Who sent us His only-begotten Son, Who saved our race from death and Satan, and sits at the right hand of His Father entreating His compassion on behalf of all of us." -- St. Ephraim the Syrian
- ❖ "We are called out from amongst our people to not be conformed to the world, but rather to the Image and Likeness of Jesus Christ. Just as there is perfect unity between the Father and the Son, so too, we are called to unity amongst ourselves." -- His Eminence, Archbishop JOSEPH